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# ACTION MEMORANDUM

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-122

Date 30 January 1963

TO : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE:

1. At the Panama Conference I learned of a "Defense Intelligence Requirements Manual" or DIRM, known as DIA 58/2. According to my source (external), this is a totally comprehensive requirements manual which places on all DIA collectors the whole gamut of intelligence interest items and makes little if any mention of other collection agencies or any requirements for coordination. My source says the existence of this manual must not be divulged outside DIA, and a certificate of compliance must be signed by each recipient. I am told it is a very well-done document in great depth.
2. I suggest we try to get a copy of this and compare it to our own requirements manual -- we might be able to trade some good ideas -- and perhaps effect better coordination in collection activities.

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Deputy Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Comments on the DIRM (Defense Intelligence Collection Requirements Manual, DIAM 58-2)  
REFERENCE : DDCI Action Memorandum No. A-122, dated 30 January 1963

1. With reference to your request that we examine the Defense Intelligence Collection Requirements Manual (DIRM), our people have been familiar with this manual for some time. Fifty copies were received by the Agency in the autumn of 1962 and were distributed to various components, including the FI Staff and the operating divisions of the Clandestine Services.

2. The DIRM is in three parts. Part One is a skeletal outline of worldwide DOD collection requirements. Part Two is a statement of priorities, by geographic area, related to DCID No. 1/3 (Priority National Intelligence Objectives). Part Three lists the subjects and due dates of reports scheduled from military attaches and commands through 1964. The DIRM contains no detailed requirements and no reference to collection operations.

3. Our people are in constant touch with those of DIA and there are frequent exchanges of ideas, both with respect to requirements and with respect to the coordination of collection activities. At present the IPC List, with its close adherence to the PNIO, its focus on clandestine collection, its relatively detailed statements of requirements, and its extensive listing of targets, is better adapted than the more generalized DIRM to the operational planning needs of the Clandestine Services.

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